

DNR Grant Programs

The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) announces the availability of applications for two cost-sharing programs:

- ◆ Targeted Runoff Management (TRM) and
- ◆ Urban Nonpoint Source and Storm Water Management (UNPS)

Applications will be available at the following DNR website beginning January 15, 2005:

<http://www.dnr.state.wi.us/org/water/wm/nps/financial.htm>.

Since these programs began in 1999, the DNR has awarded a total of 406 grants to 147 different governmental units totaling the following amounts:

TRM: \$14.3 million

UNPS: \$28.4 million

Applications must be postmarked no later than April 15, 2005, in order to be considered for calendar year 2006 funding.

Targeted Runoff Management (TRM)

TRM grants are competitive cost-share awards to support small-scale, 2-year projects sponsored by local governmental units. Projects may be either urban or rural in nature. The maximum award is \$150,000. Project selection is based on geographical water quality priorities, local support for the project, ability of the project to control nonpoint pollution, and other factors. Municipalities required to obtain a stormwater permit under ch. NR 216 are not eligible for TRM grants.

Urban Nonpoint Source and Storm Water Management (UNPS)

UNPS grants are competitive cost-share awards to support small-scale, 2-year projects sponsored by local governmental units in urban areas. Municipalities needing stormwater permits under ch. NR 216 are eligible to apply under this program. UNPS grants are available in 2 categories:

Eligible **planning** projects can include municipal storm water planning, storm water and construction site erosion control ordinance development, development of local storm water management financing options (such as stormwater utilities) and information and education efforts. Planning projects must be conducted in an existing urban area or an area expected to become urban within 20 years. The maximum cost-share grant award is \$85,000.

Eligible **construction** projects can include urban structural practices, streambank erosion controls, and purchase of high efficiency street sweeping equipment. These projects must be conducted in an existing urban area. The maximum cost-share grant award is \$150,000.

Successful applicants will be notified in the fall of 2005. Grant agreements will be distributed shortly thereafter, but no later than December 31, 2005. Both programs are operated on a reimbursement basis. This means grantees must pay all project costs first, then request reimbursement from the DNR. Reimbursement rates vary depending upon the project type and special conditions.

Additional details for both programs may also be found at the web address above. Or you may call Kathleen Thompson at (608) 267-7568 with your questions or to request a printed version of either application.